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Serial No. 09/741,542, filed December 20, 2000

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For: **COMPOUND HANDLING SYSTEM**

AMENDMENT

Nutley, New Jersey 07110
October 8, 2002

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the July 17, 2002 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to this Office Action is due October 17, 2002.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A rack for use in a compound handling system for handling a multiplicity of tubes containing aliquots of chemical or biological samples, which comprises:

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